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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL BUDGET -- BOLIVIA

REF: LA PAZ 963

1. LAINCC HAS REVIEWED THE REQUEST (REFTEL) TO INCREASE
THE FY 74 NARCOTICS CONTROL BUDGET BY DOL 15 THOUSAND IN
ORDER TO PAY BONUS SALARIES AND RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE GOB
COMMITTEE WHICH DRAFTED THE NEW NARCOTICS LAW WHILE THE NEW
NARCOTICS CONTROL AGENCY IS BEING ESTABLISHED. THE LAINCC

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APPROVED THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUESTED, WITH THE FOLLOWING

CAVEATS.

2. LAINCC IS CONCERNED THAT THE PRECEDENT SET BY DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR THE BALANCE OF FY 74 WILL ENCOURAGE GOB EXPECTATION THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO FINANCE THE ENTIRE BUDGET FOR THE NEW AGENCY, ONCE IT IS FORMED. WHILE WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER DISCRETE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE TO THIS AGENCY, WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO CONSIDER FUNDING SALARIES AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

3. ALTHOUGH THE LAINCC IS APPRECIATIVE OF THE GOB'S INITIATIVE IN ATTACKING THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM ON A BROAD FRONT, IT REMAINS CONCERNED THAT THE NEW LAW WILL RESULT IN A LARGE BUREAUCRACY WHICH WILL IMPOSE A BURDEN ON THE GOB'S ALREADY SCARCE BUDGETARY RESOURCES. HOWEVER, THE GOB ENACTED THIS LAW AND, ALTHOUGH WE PROVIDED TECHNICAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE ON THE ENFORCEMENT ASPECT OF THE LAW, THE RESULTING ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE IS ITS OWN. ACCORDINGLY, THE GOB SHOULD NOT BE UNDER ANY MISAPPREHENSION AS TO OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER DIRECT BUDGETARY SUPPORT OF THE NEW NARCOTICS AGENCY BEYOND THAT ALREADY PROVIDED OR PLANNED FOR ONDP WHICH, WE UNDERSTAND, WILL BE INCORPORATED IN NEW AGENCY. INDEED, THE LAINCC BELIEVES GOB WILLINGNESS TO FINANCE SALARY AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE NEW AGENCY WILL REAFFIRM ITS COMMITMENT TO THE NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT. IN THIS REGARD, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE GOB WILL REVISE ITS CY 1974 BUDGET BY MID-YEAR TO INCLUDE FUNDS FOR THE NEW AGENCY, THEREBY ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR FURTHER USG FUNDING FOR THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE.

4. YOU SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE GOB IS AWARE OF THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS. KISSINGER

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